



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

LARRY S. EOFF, ET AL.

Serial No.: 10/759,676

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MULTILATERAL JUNCTIONS"

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Group Art Unit: 3676

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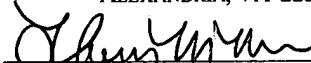
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Dear Sir:

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- Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 to Non-Final Office Action, Mailed
December 6, 2005; and
- Return receipt postcard.

Please date stamp and return the enclosed postcard evidencing receipt of these materials.

Fee for Additional Claims

Additional claims have been added to this application, resulting in an additional fee as calculated below:

Fee Calculation					
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Extra	Rate	Fee
Total Claims:	60	- 76 =	0	x \$50 =	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims:	10	- 3 =	7	x \$200 =	\$ 1400.00
Total Additional Claims Fee =					\$ 1400.00

Applicants believe that \$1400.00 in fees are due with this response. However, should the Commissioner deem that any fees are due, including any fees for extensions of time, Applicants respectfully request that the Commissioner accept this as a Petition Therefor, and direct that any additional fees be charged to Baker Botts L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 02-0383, Order Number 063718.0301, for any underpayment of fees that may be due in association with this filing.

Respectfully submitted,



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FEE TRANSMITTAL
For FY 2006☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$) 1,400.00

Complete if Known

Application Number	10/759,676
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First Named Inventor	Larry S. Eoff
Examiner Name	Zakiya W. Bates
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METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)☒ Check ☐ Credit Card ☐ Money Order ☐ None ☐ Other (please identify): _____☒ Deposit Account Deposit Account Number: 02-0383 Deposit Account Name: Baker Botts L.L.P.

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FEE CALCULATION (All the fees below are due upon filing or may be subject to a surcharge.)**1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES**

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**Fee Description**

	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
_____ - 20 or HP = _____	x _____	= _____	

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
10 - 3 or HP = 7	x 200	= 1,400.00	

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3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE

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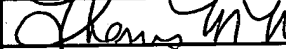
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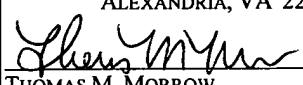
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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 TO
NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION, MAILED DECEMBER 6, 2005**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on December 6, 2005 (the "Office Action"), Applicants submit this Response.

- Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 2 of this paper;
- Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper;
- Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper;
- Summary begins on page 13 of this paper.